

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE
JANUARY 19, 2011**

TIME AND PLACE: The Legislative/Regulatory Review Committee (committee) meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Henrico, VA.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph May, DVM- Chair
James DeBell, DVM
Taryn Singleton, LVT

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Constance Pozniak, DVM
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM
John Wise, DVM

DISCUSSION OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT REGULATIONS: Dr. May provided the committee with background information as to why he felt it necessary to make some changes to the unprofessional conduct section of the regulations. He stated that under the current regulations the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) does not have authority to take action against a veterinarian for fraud or extortion. Mr. Gregory suggested using the phrase "false, misleading or deceptive conduct" to capture the Board's intent. Ms. Yeatts stated that the Board of Medicine uses the phrase "any fraud or deceit."

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full board that addition of a number 16 under 18 VAC 150-20-140 which would read "Committing an act constituting fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in dealing with the Board or in the veterinarian-client-patient relationship."

The committee also discussed 18 VAC 150-20-172(C) which states that "veterinarians may delegate duties electronically to appropriate veterinary personnel provided

the veterinarian has physically examined the patient within the previous 36 hours.” The committee discussed deleting the word “electronically” because this is not the only method for delegating duties. On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the committee voted unanimously to delete “electronically” from this section.

**DISCUSSION OF EMAIL
INQUIRY:**

The committee discussed an email inquiry regarding questions about the regulations governing the licensing of equine dental technicians. One of the questions was if there were any Board approved courses for equine dental technicians. The Board directed Ms. Knachel to respond to the inquirer that the University of Nebraska is an approved course. The other questions can be answered by directing the inquirer to the regulations.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Joseph May, DVM – Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, MPH, - Executive Director